(*c*) whether they have received any representation from a conference of *Sidha Vaidyans* held at Munchira (Vilavankod taluk) on 23 12-1111 for giving due encouragement and grants to *Sidha Vaidya* institutions?

MR. R. KRISHNASWAMI RAO: (*a*) No grant has been given to any *Sidha Vaidya* organisation, but grants are given to *Sidha Vaidyans*;

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), this question does not arise,

(*c*) Yes.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: May I know from the member the number of Sidha Vaidyans to whom grants are given.

MR. R. KRISHNASWAMI RAO: Six persons.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: May I know the amount of grant given to each?

MR. R. KRISHNASWAMI RAO Rs. 15 each.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: With reference to part (*c*), may I know the actual date of that representation and what action has been taken?

MR. R. KRISHNASWAMI RAO: There are two or three resolutions and action will be taken upon them as occasion arises.

Depositions made by witnesses in criminal cases.

331. ***MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR**: Will the Government be pleased to state if the Second Class Magistrates do read over to the witnesses and parties their depositions as required by Section 268 of the Criminal Procedure Code?

MR. M GOVINDA PILLAI: Yes.

Muslim Judges in the Village Panchayat Court, Alwaye.

332 ***MR. M. K. MACKAR PILLAI** (*Kunnatnad cum Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether in the past there used to be one or more Muslim Judges in the Village Panchayat Court of Alwaye; and

(*b*) the reason for there being no Muslim Judge in the above Court at present?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The reason is that one Muslim Judge resigned and there was the operation of the rule recently promulgated which demands that half the Judges of the Court should be practising lawyers. There is also no rule that a Muslim should always be a Judge in the Court.

MR. M. K. MACKAR PILLAI: ആലുവാ വില്ലേജ് പഞ്ചായത്ത് കോടതിയിൽ ഒരു മുസ്ലീം ജഡ്ജിയുണ്ടായിരുന്നതായി അറിയാമോ?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: വളരെക്കാലത്തേക്ക് അവിടെ മുസ്ലീം ജഡ്ജിയുണ്ടായിരുന്നതായി അറിയാം.

MR. M. K. MACKAR PILLAI: അവിടത്തെ വില്ലേജ് പഞ്ചായത്ത് കോടതിയിൽ എത്ര അംഗങ്ങളാണ് ഉണ്ടെന്നു പറയാമോ?

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